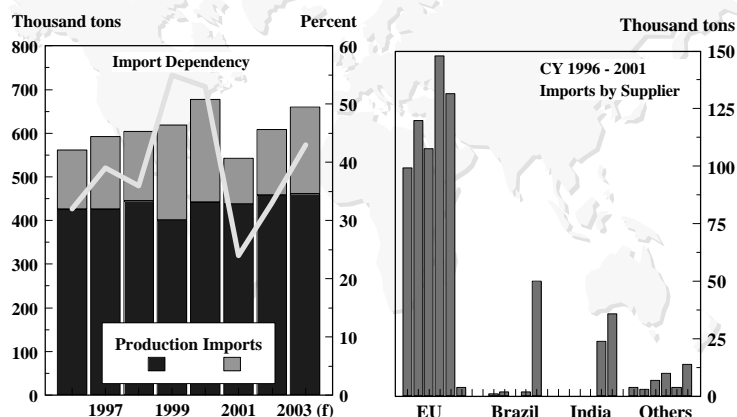


Egypt's Beef Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002(p)	2003(f)
(1,000 tons; CWE)								
Production	426	426	445	400	442	437	458	460
Imports	136	167	159	218	236	105	150	200
Exports	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumption	561	592	604	618	678	542	608	660

Egypt Diversifying Beef Imports to Non-Traditional Suppliers



Egypt is the largest beef importer in the Middle East. While beef imports fell to a seven-year low in 2001, much of this decline was due to an import ban against the European Union (EU) beef enacted due to the outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) on the European continent in 2001. In response to the imposition of the import ban, the EU lost a sizable percentage of the market to Brazil and India in 2001. Although Egypt lifted a number of restrictions against the EU in the first half of 2002, Egypt continues numerous new sanitary requirements regarding FMD. Over 90 percent of Egypt's beef imports consist of frozen beef and the majority of that is brought in to produce processed meat, including hamburger, sausage, luncheon meat, and pastrami. Currently, the United States is not a major beef supplier to Egypt due in part to a lack of price competitiveness. U.S. beef exports are high-value cuts destined primarily for use in the high-end restaurant and hotel sector. U.S. beef exports to Egypt totaled \$6.9 million in 2001.

Egypt
BEEF IMPORTS
(metric tons)

Fresh/Chilled

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
European Union	955	6,972	5,084	7,174	13,668	10,307	65
India	0	0	0	0	137	1,332	3,257
United States	0	13	107	100	75	1	51
Others	0	0	0	75	32	1	101
Total	955	6,985	5,191	7,349	13,912	11,641	3,474
US market share	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%

Frozen

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Argentina	40	636	498	1,044	1,278	232	275
Australia	40	636	498	1,044	1,278	232	275
Brazil	0	0	946	2,122	277	2,392	49,561
China	0	0	0	0	0	296	6,176
European Union	105,325	91,886	114,169	99,469	133,841	120,676	3,729
India	0	48	0	0	53	22,898	33,329
United States	37	140	571	2,118	6,572	1,988	2,352
Uruguay	0	633	0	859	0	0	356
Others	0	486	648	267	226	480	111
Total	105,442	94,465	117,330	106,923	143,525	149,194	96,164
US market share	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	1%	2%

Processed

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Brazil	2,439	1,259	411	1,770	923	1,422	1,441
European Union	495	463	605	1,034	551	594	34
United States	73	23	10	10	28	194	3,478
Others	543	126	617	676	485	87	0
Total	3,550	1,871	1,643	3,489	1,987	2,297	4,953
US market share	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	8%	70%

Grand Total	109,947	103,321	124,164	117,761	159,424	163,131	104,591
US market share	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%	1%	6%

Sources: UN trade and exporter data.